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Inventors: David G. KESSLER *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Status Inquiry Letter; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

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